30. *Civil works and Miscellaneous Public Improvements.* The next year's provision includes Rs 1·72 lakhs for Military buildings, Rs 1·18 lakhs under Town Planning Scheme, Rs 0·53 of a lakh for University Buildings, Rs 0·66 of a lakh for the construction of a Tobacco Bank-shall at Trivandrum and Rs 0·50 of a lakh for acquisition of lands for the Sri Mula Vilasom School, Trivandrum.

A provision of Rs 6·75 lakhs has been included under this head on account of the cost of lands, etc., debited to Railway capital for the Chackai-Thambanur Extension, but not taken over by the Railway as not required for Railway purposes. This is set off by deduction of a similar amount under capital outlay on Railways.

31. *Electrical Schemes.* The next year's provision under this head is Rs 44·26 lakhs. The question of increasing the power supply has been engaging the attention of Government for some time and it is expected that additional expenditure will have to be incurred on this account.

32. *Telephone Schemes.* A sum of Rs 1·75 lakhs has been provided in the next year's budget to extend the scope of the telephone service in new areas.

33. *State Transport Scheme.* A sum of Rs 3 lakhs has been proposed under capital for the ensuing year for the purchase of new vehicles and spare parts, etc. The total outlay on the scheme as at the end of 1119 will be Rs 13·69 lakhs. The scheme is expected to yield a net profit of Rs 6·41 lakhs during the current year and Rs 3·76 lakhs during 1119, the increase this year being mainly under passenger fares and parcel traffic set off to a certain extent by the considerable rise in the price of spare parts, etc.

34. *Coastal Transport.* An allotment of Rs 6·60 lakhs was sanctioned by the Government during the current year, Rs 2·60 lakhs for the building of Coastal sailing vessels and Rs 4 lakhs for the purchase of 4 vessels (Schooners). As a major portion of the expenditure in connection with the building of the vessels is not expected to be incurred during the year, a provision of Rs 2·60 lakhs has been included in the next year's budget for the purpose.

Debt Position.

35. From the statement of assets and liabilities furnished on pages 12 and 13 of the budget estimates, it will be seen that our liabilities at the close of 1119 including the balances at the credit of some of the funds such as the General Reserve Fund, Revenue Reserve Fund, Post-War Reconstruction Fund, etc., which are not repayable at call amount to Rs 10·5 crores. Against this liability, the total assets including the outlay on Productive Works which can be treated as real assets aggregate to Rs 11 crores or Rs 50 lakhs in excess of the total liabilities. It may also be mentioned that the assets do not include the capital outlay on Kodayar Project which is yielding a revenue of only about 2 per cent. Our public debt stands only at Rs 177 lakhs which is less than half of the outlay on Productive Works which can legitimately be financed from borrowed funds. Our debt position may therefore be considered as quite sound.

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